

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) ~~A system including:~~ An integrated console controller, comprising:

~~an integrated element capable of combining the capabilities of a console and a controller;~~

~~the integrated element being included in a housing, capable of being hand-held, ; the housing including a location capable of receiving a cartridge, the cartridge being capable of being inserted and removed;~~

control circuitry, coupled to the housing, having capabilities of a console and a controller;

a player input interface coupled to the housing for receiving input from a local user to the control circuitry to control actions associated with a multiplayer game;

an audio-visual input interface, coupled to the housing, for receiving input from the local user to the control circuitry to control audio or video characteristics of an external display device, wherein the controller input interface and the console input interface are functionally integrated;

a network interface coupled to the housing, wherein network connectivity is provided via the network interface to enable the local user to play the multiplayer game with at least one remote user over a network.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A system as in~~ The integrated console controller of claim 1, wherein the cartridge includes at least some rewritable memory elements.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A system as in~~ The integrated console controller of claim 1, ~~wherein the~~ further comprising software embodied in a computer-readable medium of the control circuitry that includes at least some elements that have been dynamically replaced or upgraded.

4. (Currently Amended) A-system-as-in The integrated console controller of claim 1, including further comprising:

a communication link interface to at least one general purpose computing device; and

the software including at least one element capable of supporting interactive communication between the integrated-element console controller and the general purpose computing device at least one of: a network router, a remote game console, a remote output device, or a server.

5. (Currently Amended) A-system-as-in The integrated console controller of claim 4, wherein the communication-link interface includes an audio or video output from the integrated element to a substantially remote output device.

6. (Currently Amended) A-system-as-in The integrated console controller of claim 4, wherein the communication link interface includes an input from a substantially remote supplemental console to the integrated element.

7. (Currently Amended) A-system-as-in The integrated console controller of claim 4, wherein the communication link is capable of supporting a dynamic replacement or update of at least one a software element of the software including at least one element at the integrated element.

8. (Currently Amended) A-system-as-in The integrated console controller of claim 4, wherein the software includes at least one element capable of supporting a game with multiple consoles.

9. (Currently Amended) A-system-as-in The integrated console controller of claim 4, wherein the software includes at least one element capable of supporting a contest among multiple players, the contest being adjudicated at either one of the integrated elements, or at a server.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~A system as in~~ The integrated console controller of claim 9, wherein the contest includes a memory having an aggregate measure or a statistical measure of scores achieved by multiple players, each one of the multiple players being associated with an instance of a game.
11. (Currently Amended) ~~A system as in~~ The integrated console controller of claim 1, including a communication link interface to at least one supplemental console, the communication link being capable of supporting communication between the supplemental console and ~~at least one of an output device or the integrated element console controller.~~
12. (Currently Amended) ~~A system as in~~ The integrated console controller of claim 11, wherein the communication link interface includes a direct audio or video output from the supplemental console to ~~the an~~ output device.
13. (Currently Amended) ~~A system as in~~ The integrated console controller of claim 11, wherein the communication link interface includes an input from the supplemental console ~~to the integrated element.~~
14. (Currently Amended) ~~A system as in~~ The integrated console controller of claim 11, ~~wherein the~~ further comprising software includes having at least one element capable of supporting a game with multiple consoles.
15. (Currently Amended) ~~A system as in~~ The integrated console controller of claim 11, ~~wherein the~~ further comprising software includes having at least one element capable of supporting a multiplayer game.

16. (Currently Amended) A system comprising: as in claim 1, including:
a hand-held integrated console controller;
at least one input an external display device associated with the hand-held
integrated console controller;
a general purpose computing device having memory including software capable
of receiving inputs from ~~that at least one input device;~~ the hand-held integrated console
controller, the software including elements capable of generating a signal capable of
being communicated to ~~an output~~ the external display device;
a secure processor capable of executing or interpreting at least some
instructions in the software, and capable of controlling operation of the software,
whereby only authorized software can be executed or interpreted in association with the
hand-held integrated console controller;
a network server for scoring an online multiplayer game played by a user of the
hand-held integrated console controller and one or more remote users.
17. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 16, further comprising a
cartridge that is insertable into and removable from the hand-held integrated console
controller, wherein at least some of the memory is disposed in the cartridge.
18. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 16, ~~wherein the~~ further
comprising a cartridge that includes at least some information capable of authenticating
the software.
19. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 16, ~~wherein the~~ further
comprising a cartridge that includes at least some information capable of replacing or
upgrading the software.
20. (Canceled)

21. (New) A system comprising:

- a television;

- a network;

- a workstation, coupled to the network, capable of running a contest between a local user and a remote user;

- a remote server, coupled to the workstation via the network, wherein, in operation, the remote server scores the contest between the local user and the remote user;

- a remote device associated with the remote user, coupled to the workstation via the network;

- an integrated console controller, including:

- a housing with a hand-held form factor having a removable storage interface, wherein, in operation, a removable storage element is coupled to the integrated console controller via the removable storage interface;

- an interface device, coupled to the housing, capable of coupling the integrated console controller to the television, the workstation, and a supplemental console;

- control circuitry, coupled to the housing, comprising:

- memory storing software,

- a secure processor capable of executing or interpreting at least some instructions in the software, and capable of controlling operation of the software, whereby only authorized software can be executed or interpreted, wherein, in operation, the removable storage element includes information necessary for the authorization of the software,

- a player input interface, coupled to the housing, through which the local user provides input associated with control of the workstation,

- an audio/video output interface, coupled to the housing, through which the local user provides input associated with control of the television.